

CONCORDIA



Stingers

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Concordia/Loyola elite to enter Sports Hall of Fame

Harry Zarins, Director of Recreation and Athletics, announced the names of the 1997 Concordia Sports Hall of Fame inductees today. The two athletes, two builders and a team will officially be inducted Thursday, April 17 at a dinner, which will be held at the John Molson reception room at Molson-O'Keefe Breweries in Montreal.

This is only the second time since Loyola College and Sir George Williams University merged in 1974 to form Concordia University that there will be inductions into the hall.

The 1975 inductees are Jim Corsi (athlete), Therese Brisson (athlete), Harry Hus (builder), Theresa Humes (builder) and the 1990 men's basketball team.

Jim Corsi

Athlete

1976

Jim Corsi was one of those rare athletes who excelled at two sports. He played five years of soccer and three years of hockey, earning All-Canadian honors in both. Although Jim played on a national championship soccer team in 1973, it is his hockey exploits that brought him the greatest recognition. In his final year as a goaltender with the Stingers, he had six shutouts and a 1.16 goals-against average. In 1976, he was the first recipient of the Senator Joseph A. Sullivan Trophy, which is presented to the outstanding CIAU hockey player. Other honors during Jim's university career include the Loyola Campus Medal in 1976, the Brodrick Award also in 1976 and being named both Loyola and Concordia Male Athlete of the Year.

After graduation, Jim's hockey skills took him to the professional ranks. He played for the Quebec Nordiques in the WHA and the Edmonton Oilers and Minnesota North Stars in the NHL. Jim then moved to Europe where he competed in the Italian first division and represented Italy in several World Championships and at the 1984 Olympics. When his playing career ended he turned his attention to teaching and broadcasting.

Therese Brisson

Athlete

1989

Therese Brisson has been one of the most prolific women's hockey players in Concordia history, earning admiration and praise in each of her three years. A captain in her second season, this defenceman played on three championship teams. She was named Concordia Female Rookie of the Year in 1987 and Female Athlete of the Year in 1988 and 1989. Her commitment to hockey

continued to grow after her career with the Stingers. Therese went onto represent Quebec and New Brunswick at several national championships and she became a member of Canada's national women's hockey team in 1993, helping Canada win gold medals in the 1994 and 1997 World Championships.

Therese studied Exercise Science from 1986 to 1989, and recorded the highest GPA in the faculty while in her final year. She went on to earn a M.Sc., and a Ph.D. in Physical Activities Science from Université de Montréal.

Harry Hus

Builder

1967-1983

Harry Hus established Loyola College and Concordia University as a men's soccer power in the 1970s. His coaching career took off in 1967 when Harry was named coach of Loyola's junior varsity soccer program. In 1971, Harry became head coach of the varsity team, a position he held until his retirement from coaching in 1983. During that time his teams won eight conference titles and two national championships. The 1973 Loyola Warriors and the 1976 Concordia Stingers were the first national champions in men's soccer at their respective institutions. Harry was named conference Coach of the Year on seven occasions. He was also instrumental in organizing the Canadian University Soccer Coaches Association.

Harry, who was an accomplished athlete at Loyola College which he attended from 1960 to 1964, focused on officiating basketball after he stopped coaching. He became one of Canada's top international officials. Harry has also devoted himself to community work and running a successful business.

Theresa Humes

Builder

1975-1989

Theresa Humes has been instrumental in making women's sports and recreational activities a proud tradition at Concordia University. She began working in the Department of Recreation and Athletics in 1975. Her first responsibility was women's intramurals, where she was inspired by the eagerness of the students and their commitment to fitness. During her career Theresa also devoted many hours to the sports information office.

In 1978, Theresa took over the duties of Director of Women's Athletics. She alone pushed for excellence and equality in women's sports in an era when it was not fashionable to do so. Under her tutelage women's programs not only survived but flourished. While Theresa took great pride in the accomplishments of all the teams, women's hockey always held a special place in her heart. In 1985, the women's hockey team honored her by naming its prestigious annual tournament after her.

1990 men's basketball team

Under the direction of first-year head coach John Dore, the 1990 Concordia Stingers won a national championship. The team posted a 15-3 win-loss record in the OUAA East Division and defeated the Bishop's Gaiters 76-60 in the division final. The Stingers advanced to the OUAA final and lost 90-89 to the Guelph Gryphons. However, they still advanced to the CIAU Final Eight Championship Tournament in Halifax. Concordia won its first two games and then met the Guelph Gryphons again, this time in the national final. The Stingers prevailed, defeating Guelph 80-62 in the gold medal game. This is the only Concordia basketball team to date to win a national crown.

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